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Title: Need to include Kunduvadiyan Community of Wayanad District, Kerala in the list of Scheduled Tribes.

SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN (CALICUT): I would like to invite your kind attention towards the Kunduvadiyan Community residing in Sultan Bathery Taluk in Wayanad District, Kerala State. Though the other ancient communities residing in Wayanad District such as Kurichia, Kuruma, Paniya, Kattunaika, etc. were included in the list of Scheduled Tribes, Kunduvadiyan Community could not find a place in that list. It is understood that such benefits were withdrawn after the year 1977-78. Kerala Institute for Research, Training and Development Studies and Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes (KIRTADS), Kozhikode had conducted studies about Kunduvadiyan Community about 20 years back and sent a detailed report to Government of Kerala specifying that the above community is eligible for getting all the benefits of S.T. communities with a recommendation to include them in the list of Scheduled Tribe Communities. Accordingly, the Government of Kerala had sent proposals to the Government of India to include them in the list of Scheduled Tribe Communities. The matter is still pending with the Government of India. I therefore request the Government to include them in the Scheduled Tribes List.